

**DECISION**

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

**FILE:** B-216926

**DATE:** November 5, 1984

**MATTER OF:** N. W. Johnson

**DIGEST:**

GAO will not review the award of a contract which does not involve the direct expenditure of appropriated funds.

N.W. Johnson protests the award made by the Washington Area Contracting Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Department of the Air Force, to General Aero Products Corp. under Request for Quotations No. F49642-84-Q5549 for a concession to provide and maintain U.S. Postage Stamp Vending Machines at the Bolling and Andrews Air Force Bases, Washington, D.C. The procurement is being made for "NAFIs" (Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities of the United States Government). The NAFIs will receive a commission based on sales, and no appropriated funds of the United States will be obligated.

This Office has no authority to take exception to an award which does not involve the direct expenditure of appropriated funds. Therefore, no useful purpose is served by our consideration of protests over the award of the type of contract involved here. Landscapes Unlimited, Inc., B-212131, Aug. 25, 1983, 83-2 CPD ¶ 251. For this reason, we will not consider this protest.

The protest is dismissed.

*Harry R. Van Cleve*

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